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Dean:

Feel free to call or email if we can assist.

ATSDR currently has two staff in the field working this incident.

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Thanks.

-Robert

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CAPT Knowles,

Thank you for your voicemail yesterday afternoon. In response, we at UDOH did not have concerns in regard to this. It came from our Division of Emergency Management (DEM). It appears to me from reading Mr. Woodlee's response that this is being taken care of by folks in that area. In regards to drinking water, I know our Division of Water Quality is working with DEM and local public health and local emergency management, as well as the Navajo Nation to

alleviate this issue and coordinate messaging.

Dean



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On Thu, Aug 13, 2015 at 3:34 PM, Pinheiro, Ronald (OS/ASPR/OEM)
<Ronald.Pinheiro@hhs.gov> wrote:

Robert,

Thanks again for all your help with this. Utah DOH suggested including the Health Director for San Juan County as well.

Mr. Worthy Glover @ wglover@sanjuancounty.org

Respectfully,

Ron

Ron Pinheiro

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Hey All,

The ATSDR R9 office talked to EPA Region 9 about this concern. We will contact Dean Penovich at UDOH and Charles Woodlee at IHS to discuss their concerns in more detail.

Thanks.

-Robert

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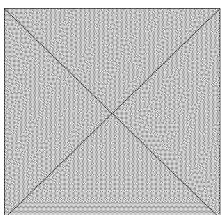
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Thank you Charles, very helpful.

I would respectfully ask ATSDR and Utah to comment on your question of further assistance ...

Ron

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Good morning CAPT Pinheiro,

With regard to messaging on drinking water issues, the Navajo Area IHS has been deferring/referring those communications to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, which operates the public water systems AZ, NM, and UT on the Navajo Reservation. The NTUA has released several PSAs (<http://www.ntua.com/sanjuanriver2015.html>).

I spoke with Denise Becenti, PAO for NTUA ([928-729-6221](tel:928-729-6221)), and she stated that there had been some confusion about operation of PWSs and the availability of tanked water, but they were working to address those calls. I also spoke with the Navajo Nation ICP Liaison who had similarly been hearing of concerns in the UT area, and had staff in the field verifying if

water tankers/points were available. I have asked NTUA to contact the Navajo Nation ICP to clarify NTUA's activities and status, as this information could then be shared with the Community Health Staff who are working in the area.

If you would like IHS to play a further intermediary role or consider a direct PSA, please reply.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Charles.

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Good morning,

On this morning's Utah State Coordination Call concerning the Gold King Mine Water Release, Patrick Reid (Utah DEM) stated that there are issues with consistent public health messaging concerning drinking water for the Navajo residing in Utah. I believe part of the issue is that response coordination for the Navajo is being addressed from Federal Region 9,

via the EPA (Utah resides in Federal Region 8).

Patrick explained to me that San Juan County is 70% native American (Navajo), 30% non-native American. Of that 70%, it is estimated that 60% live on the reservation, while the rest reside in the county.

Is there a way in which ATSDR and IHS can assist Utah DOH and San Juan County in providing consistent public health messaging?

As always, thanks in advance!

Ron

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